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<u>Claims</u>

- 1. Casting procedure for obtaining parts provided with inside cavities or holes, wherein said holes and/or cavities are obtained by laying into a mould or chill intended to receive the molten metal one or more cores made of sand or other material, and wherein each core is realised separately into a proper core box, characterised in that before laying into the mould or chill, it provides for the step of coating at least one core with a layer of a material adapted to dissolve in contact with the casting metal.
- 2. Casting procedure according to claim 1, wherein said coating is applied to the core only in the zones and by the thickness of the casting shape.
- 3. Casting procedure according to claim 2, wherein the coating is performed by injection molding on the core to be coated.
- 4. Casting procedure according to claim 2 or 3, wherein a main core is used, realised into a special core box, along with one or more secondary cores intended to be associated to said main core, characterised in that it comprises the following steps:
- coating at least one secondary core, only in the zones and by the shaped thickness, with a layer of material intended to dissolve in contact with the molten metal;



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- inserting the pre-coated secondary cores into the main core box yet
 to be moulded;
- moulding the main core box; and
- inserting the monolithic group obtained at the previous step, consisting of the main core, of the secondary cores and of the coating material that keeps them firmly connected, into the mould or chill intended to receive the molten metal.
- 5. Chill casting procedure of an engine cylinder head according to claim 4, wherein the main core is that intended to realise the water jacket (11) for the engine coolant circulation, and wherein the secondary cores comprise at least the cores of the intake and exhaust ducts (12, 13), characterised in that said duct cores are laid into a single die (19) to be coated with the coating material layer (18) so as to form a single body to be laid into the special water jacket core box.
- 6. Casting procedure according to claim 5, wherein valve seats (14, 15) for the intake and exhaust ducts are first laid into the die and the injected material enveloping said valve seats on the outer diameter.
- 7. Casting procedure according to claim 5 or 6, wherein prior to assembly monolithic group into the mould or chill, the valve guides (16", 17") for the intake and exhaust valves are inserted into the monolithic group comprising the main core and the secondary coated cores.
- 8. Casting procedure according to any one of the previous claims, wherein the cores to be coated consist of hollow inserts (23) made of a

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WO 2004/035245 heat resistant material, wherein the cavity represents the shape according to the drawing.

- 9. Casting procedure according to any one of the previous claims, wherein the cores to be coated consist of a hollow insert for the shaped zones only, made of a heat resistant material filled with sand and polymerised resin to realise the prints and prevent metal infiltrations.
- 10. Casting procedure according to any one of the previous claims, wherein the coating material of the sand and polymerised resin cores or of the inserts is a foamed material, such as polystyrene.
- 11. Main core box for the casting procedure according to any one of claims 4-10, characterised in that it only consists of two portions intended to be closed onto one another, thereby in that it is free from undercuts and therefore of mobile parts adapted to perform the draft. and in that it exhibits seats and negative prints (20', 20") for receiving and blocking into position the secondary cores pre-coated with the coating material.
- 12. Die for coating the intake and exhaust duct cores in an engine cylinder head casting process according to any one of claims 5-10, characterised in that it is provided with cylindrical mobile pins (16, 17) intended to realise seats (16', 17') into the coating material for the valve guides (16", 17") of the intake and exhaust valves.
- 13. Die for coating the intake and exhaust duct cores (12, 13) in an engine cylinder head casting process according to any one of claims 5-10, characterised in that it is configured for receiving valve seats (14,





14. Engine cylinder head characterised in that it embeds at least one hollow insert (23) made of metal or other heat resistant material, whose interior forms the design of the corresponding intake and exhaust duct.